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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"With reference to the answer to clause (*d*) of the question, may I know whether block grants are given year after year?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"They are not block grants, but they are teaching grants placed at the disposal of District Educational Councils."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"Are the grants given in lump amounts to District Educational Councils?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Yes."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—"Will the hon. Minister be pleased to lay on the table the information asked for when he gets it?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I will consider it, Sir."

Provision for teaching Urdu to Muhammadan boys in the Board High School, Harpanahalli.

* 59 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of boys whose vernaculars are Telugu and Kanarese respectively in the Board High School, Harpanahalli, Bellary district;

(*b*) the number of Muhammadan boys in the said school and the arrangements, if any, that exist for teaching them Urdu as an optional subject; and

(*c*) whether any memorial was received from the Muhammadans of Harpanahalli requesting that provision should be made for teaching Urdu in the school, and, if so, what are the orders passed by the Government thereon?

A.—(*a*) The number of pupils studying Telugu as their vernacular is reported to be 42 and the number studying Kanarese 340.

(*b*) The number of Muhammadan pupils in the school is reported to be 47. The Government understand that the employment of a trained Muhammadan teacher has recently been sanctioned by the District Board and that a start has been made from 1st July 1929 to teach Urdu to the Muhammadan pupils from the 4th class.

(*c*) No.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"May I know from the hon. the Minister for Education how long the school has been going on without a teacher for the teaching of Urdu?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"May I know why there was such a delay in appointing an Urdu teacher for the school?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"It is a matter under the control of the Bellary District Board."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"Will the hon. the Minister make an enquiry into the matter?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"As I said, we have called for information."